

November 2008
CENTRAL COMMAND

SAFESTAT REPORT

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Overview

There were a total of 86 crashes in November. This is a 16.2% increase from October's total of 74 total crashes. There was a fatal crash during November resulting in a total of one person deceased. There were 2 crashes involving impaired drivers, which is an increase of 100% from 1 during November 2007. Of the 86 total crashes, 16 or 18.6% involved commercial motor vehicles. Commercial drivers were found to be at fault in 9, or 56.25% of those crashes. Thirteen of the commercial vehicle crashes occurred on Interstate 80.

Total enforcement activity dramatically increased by 79.9% as compared to October and 67.1% from the prior year. Speed violations increased 306 citations or 23.4% from October. Hazardous moving violations increased by 3% from the prior month. Occupant restraint violations increased 90 citations or 50.6% as compared to October. There were 35 arrests of impaired drivers prior to a crash during November. This is an increase of 9 or 45.8% compared to October and 20 or 133% over the previous year.

Commercial vehicle inspections increased by 29% or 133 inspections from October. As such, enforcement activity increased 48% from the prior month. There were 259 more safety violations written in November than in October. There was a 48% increase in cited safety violations from October. There were 40 vehicles and 23 drivers placed, "out of service" in November. Both of these areas increased as much as 76.9% from October's percentages. Traffic personnel conducted 283 inspections during the month, which is down by 7.5% or 23 inspections over October.

Front office personnel showed a decrease in accident reports and incident reports processed. There was an increase in the arrest reports processed as compared to the prior month. The evidence section showed no change in new cases submitted compared to October, but new items submitted and in items disposed increased as much as 3250% over October and the prior year. The Communications Center experienced increases compared to October's radio transmissions and CAD incidents. There was a slight decrease in telephone calls as compared to the prior month and year.



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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	November-08		November-07	% Change		October-08	% Change
Total Crashes	86		72	19.4%		74	16.2%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	63		61	3.3%		49	28.6%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	22		8	175.0%		22	0.0%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	1		3	-66.7%		3	-66.7%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	2		1	100.0%		2	0.0%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	1		4	-75.0%		3	-66.7%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	1		1	0.0%		1	0.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0		0	0.0%		1	-100.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	0		2	-200.0%		1	-100.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0		1	-100.0%		0	0.0%
Total persons killed -- seatbelts not applicable	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	16		12	33.3%		17	-5.9%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	14		10	40.0%		13	7.7%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	2		1	100.0%		4	-50.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0		1	-100.0%		0	0.0%

Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 4.1%

Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 2.7%

Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 66.7%

Percentage of commercial vehicle crashes to total crashes 23.0%

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]

- Total crashes were up by 12 from October for a 16.2% increase. There were 14 more crashes than the previous year for a 19.4% decrease.
- There were 2 DUI crashes for the month of November which reflected no change from the previous month's 2 crashes and 100% over the previous year's one crash. Both BAC results are still pending.
- There was 1 fatal crash in November, which is a decrease of 66.7% from the previous month and the previous year's 3 crashes.

There were 16 accidents involving a commercial vehicle during November, which were an increase of 4 crashes from the previous year but is a decrease of 1 or 5.9% from October. The 16 accidents accounted for 19.5% of the total crashes in the Command. Of the 16 crashes, 9 or 56.25% were the fault of the commercial vehicle driver. There was 1 crash involving a commercial vehicle in which a passenger vehicle driver was found to be at fault. Thirteen of the commercial vehicle crashes occurred on Interstate 80, the remaining 3 occurred on secondary roadways.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY*[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

	November-08		November- 07	% Change		October-08	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes	2		1	100.0%		2	0.0%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes	35		15	133.3%		24	45.8%
Other Arrests	122		99	23.2%		125	-2.4%
Total persons arrested (DUI included)	76		50	52.0%		64	18.8%
Speed violations	1612		1616	-0.2%		1306	23.4%
Hazardous moving violations	133		148	-10.1%		129	3.1%
Occupant restraint violations *	268		205	30.7%		178	50.6%
Total violations [above violations included]	4608		2757	67.1%		2561	79.9%
Commercial Enforcement							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	34		45	-24.4%		31	9.7%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	16		12	33.3%		15	6.7%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	592		498	18.9%		459	29.0%
Terminal inspections [level 5]	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	108		116	-6.9%		77	40.3%
Total safety violations -- repair order	796		742	7.3%		537	48.2%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	40		24	66.7%		32	25.0%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	23		33	-30.3%		13	76.9%
Total school buses inspected	11		0	1100.0%		2	450.0%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total trucks weighed	829		508	63.2%		1493	-44.5%
Total overweight citations	7		5	20.0%		15	-60.0%
Total dyed fuel inspections	555		556	-0.2%		436	27.3%
Total dyed fuel citations	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS*[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

- Total violations showed a huge improvement of 2,047 violations from the previous month for an increase of 79.9% over October. Total violations increased 67% or 1,851 compared to the prior year.
- Speed enforcement was up from the prior month by 306 violations for a 23.4% increase. Hazardous moving violations increased slightly by 4 or 3%. Occupant restraint violations increased dramatically from the previous month by 90 or 50.6%.
- There were 35 DUI arrests prior to crashes for a 45.8% decrease over October. This was a 133% increase over the same period last year. The average BAC for impaired drivers was .160%.

- Commercial vehicle inspections dramatically increased by 133 safety inspections or 29% as compared to October. Inspections also increased by 94 or 18.9% as compared to the previous year. Total violations were up by 259 or 48% as compared to October and 54 or 7.3% as compared to the previous year. There was a 40.3% increase in cited safety violations as compared to October. There were 23 drivers and 40 vehicles placed out of service. Both of these areas are an increase of the prior month. The number of trucks weighed was down by 664 for a 44.5% decrease as compared to the previous month's 1,493 total trucks weighed. Commercial troopers also produced 16 cited traffic violations or traffic related arrests.
- There were 829 trucks weighed by commercial enforcement in November. Of the trucks weighed in November, 258 of those were weighed on secondary roadways during 184.5 hours of directed enforcement.

Commercial Activity [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]							
	Level 2/3 Inspections	Safety Violations Citation	Safety Violations Repair Order	Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	Vehicles Placed "Out of Service"	Dyed Fuel Inspections	Dyed Fuel Citations
	#	#	#	#	#	#	#
November-08	283	81	226	10	7	240	0
Same period prior year	263	90	267	19	5	208	5
% Change	7.6%	-10.0%	-15.4%	-47.4%	40.0%	15.4%	-100.0%

November-08	283	81	226	10	7	240	0
Prior Month	306	95	257	16	7	248	0
% Change	-7.5%	-14.7%	-12.1%	-37.5%	0.0%	-3.2%	#DIV/0!

- Traffic operations personnel conducted 283 level 2/3 inspections during November. This was a decrease of 7.5% over the previous month and an increase of 7.6% or 20 inspections over last year. There was a decrease in repair orders of 12.1% compared to the previous month. Eighty-one (81) citations were issued for safety violations compared to 95 the previous month and 90 the previous year. Two hundred-twenty-six (226) repair orders were written during the inspections with 7 vehicles and 10 drivers being placed "out of service." Both of these areas decreased by 37.5% or more over the prior month and prior year's totals.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	November-08	November-07	% Change	October-08	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER					
Radio Transmissions	67701	58,926	14.9%	57224	18.3%
CAD incidents	9174	8,016	14.4%	7638	20.1%
Telephone Calls	7524	8,110	-7.2%	7755	-3.0%
Call Box Incidents	0	7	-700.0%	0	0.0%
FRONT OFFICE					
Accident Reports Processed	69	70	-1.4%	86	-19.8%
Arrest Reports Processed	53	56	-5.4%	48	10.4%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	11	18	-38.9%	5	120.0%
COURT / WARRANT					
Warrants Received	158	188	-16.0%	320	-50.6%
Warrants Entered	204	190	7.4%	247	-17.4%
Warrants Cleared	53	160	-66.9%	194	-72.7%
Warrants Validated	10	1699	-99.4%	0	1000.0%
Extradition / Transports	2	3	-33.3%	7	-71.4%
EVIDENCE					
New Cases Submitted	37	5	640.0%	37	0.0%
New Items Submitted	158	10	1480.0%	154	2.6%
Items Disposed	67	2	3250.0%	62	8.1%

Contract Service overtime was 261.25 hours during 10 escorts totaling \$23,053.00.

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

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- Contract services were down from the previous month by \$26,026.00.
- Communications Center activity increased from the previous month and previous year.
- The evidence section showed large increases in new cases, items submitted and items disposed compared to the same period last year.
- Front Office staff processed fewer accident reports compared to the previous month and year. The number of processed arrest and incident reports increased from the previous month, but declined from the previous year's total.
- The Court/Warrant Unit work process decreased in warrants received by 16% from the previous month, but warrants entered increased by 7.4% in the same comparison.

PERSONNEL

Currently, Central Command is training seven new trooper arrivals to the command. Thus far, all the troopers are performing well and we are optimistic that all will successfully complete their field training as scheduled. Applicants were interviewed for the vacant PSDI position. A candidate was selected and is currently in the background process. Expectations are to have the position hired before the end of December 2008.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

During the month of November, Trooper Stewart was present for four high school career fairs in Ely, Elko, Battle Mountain and Winnemucca. Trooper Stewart conducted driver safety speeches and presentations to Cat Logistics. Additionally, Trooper Stewart delivered public safety announcements with the local media that promoted safe holiday travel.

AIR OPERATIONS

The Central Command Aircraft flew 40 hours, completing 23 missions during the month of November. Both of these numbers are consistent with the previous month. Four speed enforcement missions were flown for the month. During the six speed enforcement missions, the aircraft produced the below listed activity:

Type of Violation	Enforcement Actions
Speed	56
Hazardous	3
Non-Hazardous	8
Seat belt	1

The remaining missions consisted of seven training mission for 10 hours of flight time, one prisoner transports and one property transport. Additionally, the aircraft was employed three times this month to assist the Nevada Department of Transportation in construction zones with a history of speeding motorists while workers were present. These missions are productive and they provided a positive impact on slowing traffic in the construction zones.

Five motorists were assisted during speed enforcement missions. One additional motorist was assisted during a line mission. Compared to last month, the total flight time was down 19%, total enforcement activity is down 47% and motorist assists are down 45%. When compared to November 2007, flight time is up 11%, total enforcement activity is down 22% and motorists assisted are down 40%.